

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 3020 - SB 2974

February 25, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Repeals provisions requiring the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to allocate resources for children in state custody based on a county's child population and the average state commitment rate and for DCS to pay for a county's commitments of dependent and neglected children until commitments exceed 300 percent of the state average commitment rate.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 9, 2010, we issued a fiscal note for this bill with a fiscal impact of *Other Fiscal Impact – Public Chapter 351 of 2009 authorized DCS to pay counties based only on the county's child population for commitments up to 300 percent of the state average commitment in FY09-10 and FY10-11. It was estimated that state expenditures would be reduced by \$3,033,000 and local expenditures would be increased by \$3,033,000 in each fiscal year. Repealing this provision will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$3,033,000 and a decrease in local expenditures of \$3,033,000 in FY10-11. Under Public Chapter 351, state expenditures would have increased and local expenditures would have decreased by this amount in FY11-12 and subsequent years due to a sunset provision in Public Chapter 351. A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Children's Services has not provided information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.* On February 25, 2010, a typographical error was discovered in the fiscal impact statement portion that referenced Public Chapter 351. This error has been corrected. The fiscal impact remains unchanged from the original note.

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Other Fiscal Impact – Public Chapter 531 of 2009 authorized DCS to pay counties based only on the county's child population for commitments up to 300 percent of the state average commitment in FY09-10 and FY10-11. It was estimated that state expenditures would be reduced by \$3,033,000 and local expenditures would be increased by \$3,033,000 in each fiscal year. Repealing this provision will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$3,033,000 and a decrease in local expenditures of \$3,033,000 in FY10-11. Under Public Chapter 531, state expenditures would have increased and local expenditures would

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have decreased by this amount in FY11-12 and subsequent years due to a sunset provision in Public Chapter 531.

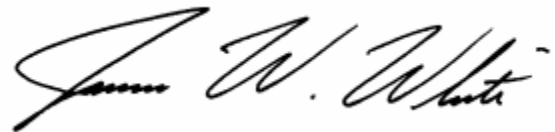
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Assumptions:

- Federal funds will not be impacted.
- Repeal will be effective in FY10-11.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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